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**NEARING THE END.**

It is evident now along Parliament Hill that there is a drive to complete the business of the present session by the end of the month but it is also clear the forthcoming legislation will be intensely interesting. Even a quick glance at the measures already on the order paper and others expected to be added to the task indicate in no uncertain way the tremendous job ahead.

The following measures are for consideration of committees of the House: an act to provide for the investigation, conciliation and settlement of industrial disputes; an act to amend the Loan Companies Act; an act to amend the Dominion Elections Act; an act to amend the War Veterans Allowance Act; an act to amend the Veterans Insurance Act; an act to amend the Veterans Rehabilitation Act; an act to amend the Yukon Quartz Mining Act; In addition, other measures will include Bills respecting the C.N.R. financing and guarantee; re-introduction of the Income Tax Act; amendment of the Criminal Code; amendment of the Judges Act, Lord's Day Act, and the Government annuities act, with Bills pertaining to others being scheduled for this session, including the Board of Transport Commissioners, Diplomatic Service Superannuation, tax convention between Canada and France as well as New Zealand etc.

On top of all these measures, there are other so-called possible measures that may be brought up before the legislators will conclude their session, such as the legislation that may arise from reports of standing and select committees, with the best-informed information on Parliament

Hill revealing clearly that from time to time measures may be brought forward which are not even known at the present time. Consequently news will be coming from this capital in quick succession now.

**A GOOD CROP**

One of the Nations top banking figures, Graham Towers, Governor of the Bank of Canada, has left the deep impression along Parliament Hill that a good wheat crop in the West this year may have more profound effect on the economies of the nation than mere banking activities or decisions, judging from his statements to a Committee of the House of Commons. He also told the committee that he thought "that the chances of the United States reverting to price controls at this stage are zero."

**GO-OPERATES CLOSELY**

The Canadian Government is obviously regarding the Marshall Plan for the Economic Recovery of Europe as extremely important not only in the interests of the prosperity of the rest of the world but quite properly of this nation, with the extreme importance being attached to the activities of this Plan being shown in the fact that Canada's Ambassador to Mexico, Hon. Sydney D. Pierce, has been chosen to proceed to Paris shortly in order to organize the Canadian liaison with the United States European Recovery program offices being opened in France to carry out this great program in Europe.

During the last war, the present Canadian Ambassador to Mexico, Mr. Pierce had a great deal of invaluable experience with the War Production Supply Board in Washington where he is very well known for his accomplishments in supply just as he is recognized on Parliament Hill here as an accomplished expert in such work. This appointment is interpreted here as significant of the great importance being attached by the Canadian government to the whole European Recovery Program as it affects this country.

**AMALGAMATION OF SERVICES**

When asked if the legislation for the amalgamation of the army, navy

and air force acts of Canada has been drafted defence minister Brooke Claxton replied in the House of Commons: "Yes, the legislation is ready but as the Hon member knows it would amount to the amalgamation of some 76 acts, which would run to over 300 sections, and it is felt that it would not be possible to dispose of it at this stage of the session without unduly prolonging the session. We can, we believe get along under the existing legislation until next session."

**EFFECT ON PRICES**

Testifying before the Special Prices Committee of Parliament, Graham Towers, Governor of the Bank of Canada, conceded that shortages which can be traced to the import restrictions might have an upward effect on prices. He also disclosed that by November, 1947, the Government felt that the decline in foreign exchange reserves had to be arrested or "we'd be in a serious fix."

**VACANCIES CAUSE GOSSIP**

With 13 seats in the Canadian Senate vacant at present there is considerable gossip backstage in this capital about likely action coming soon to fill them and talk about the "unprecedented" number of such vacancies. However, it must be pointed out that there have been occasions in the past when larger numbers of seats in the Upper House were unoccupied. In fact, Premier King named 14 Senators just prior to the 1940 elections, with Premier Bennett naming 17 Senators just before the 1935 vote.

**SAID IN THE CAPITAL**

"Preparing for atomic war is not a matter of dollars but a matter of scientific and industrial effort," said here Dr. C.J. Mackenzie, Chairman Atomic Energy Control Board.

"From the standpoint of the man-in-the street the ordinary people of the country, I think the policy of debt reduction, certainly in times like these, is a right policy," remarked Justice Minister Halsey in Parliament, talking about the budget.

"And the farming community

would be encouraged to produce more foodstuffs, if they were allowed to export their meat and other farm produce to the United States without current export restrictions touching that market," declared G. Russell Boucher, MP, in an inspiring address here.

"Perhaps the greatest advance in the last 10 years is in the increase in early diagnosis," said Dr. G.J. Wherrett, executive secretary, Canadian Tuberculosis Association, reporting in the capital that in 1933 Canadians examined for TB totalled 166,330 but in 1948 this number is expected to reach nearly 2 million.

"Poverty is the great catalyst that drives an exhausted society to Communism," stated Col. David Croft, MP in the House of Commons. "But in this country of Canada if we keep things healthy for the masses of the people, there is nothing to worry about."

**WEEKLY WIND-UP**

It is believed here that the Board of Transport Commissioners will start on their nation-wide inquiry of freight rates sometime late in July.

An early start on the National Capital Development Plan to make Ottawa into one of the world's most beautiful capitals is expected "shortly" jumping from a list given in the House of Commons.

A proposal has been made in Parliament that a separate Minister should be named to deal with mines, forests and scientific services, with a forecast stating the mineral resources of this country could produce more than \$1,000,000,000.

Canada's interment policy during World War 2 was recalled at a meeting of the Parliamentary Committee of Human Rights when discussions took place on the United Nations draft International Human Rights Declaration.

Postal employees are grumbling now and the men who deliver the mail want a number of specific changes in the conditions of their

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